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SUB: CIVAIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 194603 (B) ABIDJAN 7359

(C) DAKAR 5051 (ALL NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF ADVISED DCA SAVANE PER REF C THAT GOS TRANS-
PROTATION DIRECTOR PLANS TO REPRESENT SENEGAL AT ICAO
LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN MEETING IN LIMA OCTOBER 22 AND
THAT SENEGAL DEL PREFERES SEPT OR NOV DATE
FOR NEGOTIATIONS. SAVANE EXPRESSED DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT
AT SENEGALSES REJECTION OF PROPOSED DATES. AS EMBASSY
REPORTED IN REF B, OCTOBER 11 DATE FOR BILATERAL TALKS
WITH GOIC IS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE.

2. SAVANE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT GOS INTEREST IN LIMA
MESLING. HE THINKS THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD
BE FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO GOS. MOREOVER, HE EXPECTED
SENEGALESE DIRECTOR WOULD BE ATTENDING ASECNA CONFERENCE
IN COTONOU IN CONFLICT WITH PROPOSED NOV DATES.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATON FROM AMBASSY DAKAR
AS TO DATES OF ASECNA CONFERENCE.

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3. NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR GOIC, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, AS SAVANE AND HIS PRINCIPALS WOULD NOT HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THEM. MANY INVOLVED ARE ON EXTENDED VACATION OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL LATE SEPT. APRT FROM ASECNA MEETING, PAN AM'S OPERATIING RIGHTS EXPIRE OCTBER 31, SO THAT POSTPONEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL NOV COULD ENTAIL SOME RISKS TO PAN AM'S INTERESTS.

4.SAVANE HOPES USG WILL URGE GOS TO ACCEPT DATES PRPOSED IN REPTTEL A. SAVANE TOLD EMBOFF INFORMALLY THAT HE WOULD CONTACT SENEGALESE CIVAIR AUTHORITIES TO SEEK SUITABLE COMPROMISE. IN ANY EVENTSK THOUGH HE FULLY AWARE THAT USG NEGOTAITORS CANNOT BE EXPECTEDTO MAKE TWO TRIPS TO AFRICA IN SHORT IME FRAME, HE HOPES THAT OCT 11 DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOIC WILL NOT BE CHANGED.
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